

Vocation definitions

**Christian Marriage:
through the Sacrament
of marriage, husbands
and wives are called to
love each other, care for
their families and be
witness to others.**



Single life: single people are able to give their time and talent to many different people and follow Jesus where they feel called.



Priest: through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, priests receive the power to consecrate the bread and wine at mass and forgive sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They also are called to instruct others, share the Gospel, listen and advise.



Religious Life: Religious women (nuns and sisters) and religious men (brothers or priests) take vows of chastity, obedience and poverty. They join a specific community (or order) and live by the vision and values (or charism) of the founder of that community. Most religious live in community and can have a variety of different ministries, usually based in the charism of their order.



Permanent Deacons:
Deacons are ordained to serve in special roles within the Church—usually acts of charity. They also can assist with liturgy, baptize, witness marriages, and preside at funerals. Deacons can be single or married.

